County Facts: Montgomery County, IN

Population 39,000

The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: 3.0% (IN), 3.5% (Montgomery County), 4.4% (United States)
- **Poverty rate**: 12.8% (IN), 16% (Montgomery County), 20% (United States)
- **Median family income (000s)**: $51 (IN), $52 (Montgomery County), $57 (United States)
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: 2% (IN), 10% (Montgomery County), 16% (United States)
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: 12.8% (IN), 15.1% (Montgomery County), 15.1% (United States)
- **Farming share of workforce**: 4.6% (IN), 4.6% (Montgomery County), 5.3% (United States)
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: 5.8% (IN), 4.7% (Montgomery County), 5.2% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: 41% (IN), 46% (Montgomery County), 45% (United States)
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: 19% (IN), 20% (Montgomery County), 20% (United States)
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: 8% (IN), 9% (Montgomery County), 9% (United States)
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: 19% (IN), 21% (Montgomery County), 21% (United States)
- **Percent landing in jail**: 1.3% (IN), 1.5% (Montgomery County), 1.5% (United States)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: $6.4 (IN), $6.7 (Montgomery County), $7.2 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Wabash College: 9.3%
- Low-income share of students: 4.4%
- Low-income student success rate: 5.4%
- Indiana 4-year-college average: 74.2%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 14.0%
- Low-income student success rate: 15.6%
- Indiana 2-year-college average: 24.5%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

*: Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Montgomery County 1%, IN 10%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Montgomery County 10%, IN 8%, United States 17%
- Percent over age 65: Montgomery County 15.5%, IN 12%, United States 21%
- Percent college grad: Montgomery County 3.0%, IN 3.0%, United States 12%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10k residents): Montgomery County 76, IN 76, United States 82.0
- Life expectancy (years): Montgomery County 82.1, IN 82.0, United States 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): Montgomery County 18, IN 15, United States 26

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Definitions and Sources

The Local Economy
- Unemployment rate (August 2018, BLS)
- Poverty rate (2012-2016 ACS)
- Median family income (2016 ACS)
- Manufacturing share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Farming share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (BLS LAUS)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out
- Percent graduating any college (2-yr or 4-yr, Tax Data 2, N/A for some counties)
- Percent reaching upper middle-class (top 20% of the U.S. income distribution, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent achieving American Dream (share of local low-income kids—i.e. those with 25th-income-percentile parents—who reach the top 20% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent (of local female kids) giving birth as a teen (Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent landing in jail (percent of local kids in jail on 1 April 2010, Tax Data 1 and 2010 Census, N/A for some counties)
- Local school expenditure per student (in public schools, NCES, N/A for some counties)

Local Colleges and Upward Mobility
- Low-income share of students (share of age-18-22 students with bottom-20% parents, Tax Data 2)
- Low-income student success rate (share of low-income age-18-22 students who reach the top 40% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 2)

Local Demographics
- Percent Black (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent Hispanic (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent over age 65 (2010 Census)
- Percent college grad (4-yr college, 2012-2016 ACS)
- Crime rate (serious violent and property arrests per 10,000 residents, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, N/A for some counties)
- Life expectancy (at age 40, Tax Data 3, N/A for some counties)
- Opioid deaths (per 10,000 residents in 2017, CDC, N/A for some counties and some counties report population weighted commuting zone average)

Sources Legend
- ACS: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Surveys, 2012-2016
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database.
- Census: U.S. Census Bureau